

Remarks

In the present response, three claims (13, 17, 18) are amended; and two claims (14, 15) are canceled. These amendments and cancellations are made to place this application in condition for allowance based on allowed subject matter.

Claims 1-13 and 16-21 are presented for examination.

Claim Rejections: 35 USC § 102(b)

Claim 13 is rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by USPN 4,608,679 (Rudy). This rejection is moot since claim 13 is amended to include the recitations of allowed dependent claim 14.

Claims 17 and 18 are amended merely to conform with amended claim 13. Claim 15 is canceled.

In view of the above, Applicants believe that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

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